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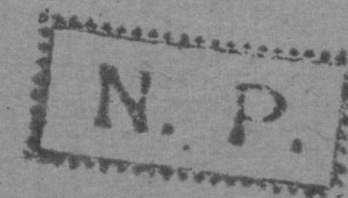
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READ—the following papers:—

I

G.O., No. 418, Educational, dated 18th July 1910.

ABSTRACT.—Abandoning the scheme for the institution of a Provident fund for teachers in schools under private management in the Presidency.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. T. V. SESHAGIRI AIYAR, B.A., B.L., Pammal House, Vepery, N.C.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 29th August 1910.

No.—1724.

During the last three months, my attention was drawn to the desirability of a scheme being inaugurated for helping teachers who after years of good service are obliged to retire without pension. No doubt some committees of management have established Provident funds. Others are in the habit of paying to the retiring teacher some bonus; but in the majority of cases the teacher whose whole life has been spent in the education of youths is stranded without any provision for old age. I was not aware, when I promised some teachers to move in the matter, that Mr. Stone had gone into the subject. The Government was pleased to send me a copy of Mr. Stone's report and of its order thereon. The very able report and the draft rules framed by Mr. Stone deal with the subject so exhaustively and sympathetically that I am sorry to note that the Government has shelved the question by the remark that "the whole scheme appears to the Governor in Council to be premature." I venture to submit that, although there may be difficulties in working out the scheme and although it may involve the expenditure of public money to some extent which, I feel no doubt, the tax-payer will not grudge having regard to the class of men to whose benefit the money goes, I fail to see how the scheme can be said to be premature. It would mark an era in the educational progress of the country, if the Government would reconsider its decision and adopt Mr. Stone's scheme with such modifications as may seem desirable. I have drafted the questions given below with a view to enable the Government to make a pronouncement on the question. It would be a great pity if the labours of Mr. Stone and his excellent scheme are entirely ignored. The profession of teachers is losing good men because the salary paid to them is not high enough and because there is no provision for them against old age, sickness and other incapacities. Their case demands the utmost sympathy and I would request Government to reconsider its position in regard to this matter.

Questions.

I (a) Does the Government intend taking any steps to inaugurate a Provident fund for teachers in this Presidency?

(b) Will the Government be prepared to make contributions to funds started by managers of schools in aid of the teachers in their schools?

III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. L. M. WYNCH, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

To—the Hon'ble Mr. T. V. SESHAGIRI AIYAR.

Dated—Ootacamund, the 30th September 1910.

No.—1724-1, Educational.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 29th August 1910, on the subject of the establishment of a Provident fund for teachers and to say that the question will be dealt with in due course.

Order—No. 576, Educational, dated 6th October 1910.

The Hon'ble Mr. T. V. Seshagiri Aiyar will be referred to G.O., No. 418, Educational, dated 18th July 1910, in which the Government have already expressed their views on the question of establishing a Provident fund for teachers in this Presidency. The Government regret that they see no sufficient reason to reconsider the matter.

(True Extract.)

L. M. WYNCH,
Secretary to Government.

To the Hon'ble Mr. T. V. Seshagiri Aiyar.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 576, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
6TH OCTOBER 1910.

[SUBJECT.—*Provident Fund for Teachers.*]

From the Hon'ble Mr. T. V. Seshagiri Aiyar, dated 29th August 1910.

Please acknowledge receipt and say the questions will be dealt with in due course.

L. M. WYNCH—1-9-10.

The draft letter placed below is submitted for approval.

S.K.—2-9-10.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI—2-9-10.

Issue.

S. H. SLATER—3-9-10.

[Letter No. 1724-1, dated 3rd September 1910.]

Please see current file.

2. The Hon'ble Mr. Seshagiri Aiyar requests that the Government will reconsider their decision * not to establish a Provident fund for teachers in this Presidency and will adopt the scheme prepared by the Hon'ble Mr. Stone with such modifications as may seem desirable. In order to enable Government to make a pronouncement on this question, Mr. Seshagiri Aiyar has drafted two questions and he proposes to ask them at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 29th November next. The questions are dealt with separately.

3. The scheme drawn up by the Hon'ble Mr. Stone provided for the establishment of a general Provident fund for the benefit of all qualified or certificated teachers in recognized schools under private management. The Government examined this scheme very carefully and in full detail, and came to the conclusion that it must be dropped for the following reasons, namely :—

Vide Honourable Member's note, dated 7th October 1909, on page 17 of the notes to G.O., No. 418, Educational, dated 18th July 1910.

- (1) that it was premature;
- (2) that legislation would be necessary to make it workable; and
- (3) that the money necessary to make the scheme a success might be

better devoted to more direct objects in the educational field.

4. His Excellency the Governor then desired that the question of instituting a Provident fund for Local Fund and Municipal teachers alone should be considered. A scheme for the establishment of such a fund was accordingly prepared, but the Government decided

that this idea should also be abandoned, chiefly on the score of cost and of the inutility of the scheme—*vide* notes on pages 28 to 31 of the notes with G.O., No. 418, Educational, dated 18th July 1910.

5. It is for consideration whether the Government will now reconsider their decision in view of the representation made by the Hon'ble Mr. Seshagiri Aiyar.

T.K.—17-9-10.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—17-9-10.

The answer to question 1 then will answer this request for a reconsideration.

S. H. SLATER—20-9-10.

Mr. Seshagiri Aiyar has not attempted to controvert any of the reasons assigned by Government after very careful consideration for not proceeding with Mr. Stone's scheme set out in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Government Order.

He writes as if Government had given no reasons at all but simply pronounced the scheme "premature."

Submitted that he may be referred to the Government Order and told that Government consider the reasons therein given amply sufficient to justify the conclusion arrived at which they see no reason to reconsider.

L. M. WYNCH—29-9-10.

Yes. We cannot change our opinions merely because Mr. Seshagiri Aiyar thinks we should do so. Refer him to the Government Order and say Government regret that they cannot reconsider the matter.

M. H[AMMICK]—30-9-10.

A. L[AWLEY]—2-10-10.

Please draft.

L. M. WYNCH—3-10-10.

A draft is submitted for approval.

T.K.—3-10-10.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—3-10-10.

M. S. MASCARENHAS—4-10-10.

Issue.

L. M. WYNCH—5-10-10.

[G.O., No. 576, Educational, dated 6th October 1910.]

G.O.No.418, Edl., dated 18-7-1910. *abst attached*

C.No.1724, from the Hon'ble Mr. Seshagiri Aiyar, dated 29--8-1910. *6P*

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The Hon'ble Mr. T.V. Seshagiri Aiyar will be referred to G.O.No.418, Edl., dated 18th July 1910, in which the Government have already expressed their views on the question of establishing a Provident Fund for teachers in this Presidency. The Government ^{that} regret they see no sufficient reason to reconsider the matter.

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To the Hon'ble Mr. T.V. Seshagiri Aiyar. *✓*
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